

REMARKS

Claims 16-44 are pending in the present application. Claims 16-44 stand rejected. No claims have been allowed. New claims 45-47 have been added herein.

I. Interview Summary

Examiners Hoel and Thai are hereby acknowledged and thanked for the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview on May 30, 2006, between the Examiners and the undersigned attorney. The current Office Action, prior art, pending claims and Applicants' filed Response of May 15 were all discussed during this interview, with particular focus on claims 16 and 23, as well as that which is taught by the primary prior art reference used, U.S. Patent No. 6,024,640 to Walker, et al ("Walker"). Agreement was reached with respect to Walker not teaching all elements of dependent claim 23 as amended. Agreement was also reached with respect to Walker not teaching all elements of newly added claims 45-47. It was also indicated that further consideration would be needed with respect to other amendments and remarks made by Applicants in the May 15 Response.

II. Claim Rejections and New Claims


Appropriate remarks with respect to the pending rejections were made in the May 15 Response, and Applicants incorporate these remarks by reference herein.

New claims 45-47 have been added. Support for these new claims can be found at, for example, paragraphs [0014], [0017], and [0098]-[0109] of the application as filed. In particular, these new claims all include a limitation directed toward predetermined game outcomes not being generated until games are actually purchased. In contrast, Walker teaches a system where game outcomes are determined prior to purchase. *See, e.g.*, Walker at col. 9 lines 36-60. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 45-47 are patentable over Walker for at least this reason.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in proper form and condition for patentability, and request a Notification of Allowance to that effect. Authorization for charging an added claims fee is being submitted herewith, and it is believed that no other fees are due at this time. Should such authorization be inadvertently omitted, or should any other fee be required for any reason related to this paper or application, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0388, referencing Docket No. IGT1P114X1. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below with any questions or concerns relating to this application.

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